

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A brace for supporting an arm of an ornamental fixture, the brace comprising:

an elongated element having a first end adapted to mount to a support and a free second end; and

at least one platform located between the first end and the second end, the platform adapted to support the arm of the fixture.

2. The brace as recited in claim 1, wherein the arm of the ornamental fixture comprises a glass arm.

3. The brace as recited in claim 1, wherein the platform comprises a plate mounted to the brace.

4. The brace as recited in claim 3, wherein the plate comprises a perforated plate adapted to mount on one or more projections on the elongated element.

5. The brace as recited in claim 1, wherein the arm of the ornamental fixture comprises a lower surface, and wherein the brace comprises an upper surface that substantially conforms to the lower surface of the arm.

6. The brace as recited in claim 5, wherein the lower surface of the arm comprises a sinuous lower surface, and wherein the upper surface of the brace comprises a sinuous upper surface.

7. The brace as recited in claim 1, wherein the elongated element comprises at least one perforation.

8. The brace as recited in claim 1, wherein the elongated element comprises a thickness between about 0.10 inches and about 3.0 inches.

9. The brace as recited in claim 1, wherein the elongated element further comprises at least one ornament mounting hook arrangement.

10. The brace as recited in claim 1, wherein the ornamental fixture comprises a chandelier.

11. The brace as recited in claim 1, wherein the platform comprises a surface on the elongated element.

12. An arrangement for supporting a decorative fixture, the arrangement comprising:

a glass arm having a first end adapted to mount to a support and a second free end adapted for mounting the decorative fixture; and

a brace for supporting the glass arm, the brace comprising:

an elongated element having a first end adapted to mount to the support and a free second end; and

at least one platform located between the first end and the second end of the elongated element, the platform adapted to support the glass arm.

13. The arrangement recited in claim 12, wherein the glass arm comprises a lower surface and the elongated element comprises an upper surface shaped to substantially conform to the lower surface of the glass arm.

14. The arrangement recited in claim 12, wherein the lower surface of the glass arm comprises a sinuous lower surface and wherein the upper surface of the elongated element substantially conforms to the sinuous lower surface of the glass arm.

15. The arrangement recited in claim 12, further comprising at least one means for mounting an ornament to the brace.

16. The arrangement recited in claim 15, wherein the at least one means for mounting an ornament to the brace comprises a u-shaped channel in the elongated element.

17. The arrangement recited in claim 12, further comprising a cushioning material located on the platform.

18. A method of supporting an arm of an ornamental fixture, the method comprising:

providing a brace comprising an elongated element having a first end adapted to mount to a support and a free second end, and at least one platform located between the first end and the second end, the platform adapted to support the arm of the fixture;

mounting the first end of the brace to a support; and

mounting the arm of the ornamental fixture to the support and to the brace wherein the arm is supported by the at least one platform.

19. The method as recited in claim 18, wherein the arm of the ornamental fixture comprises a sinuous lower surface and the brace comprises a sinuous upper surface, wherein mounting the arm of the ornamental fixture further comprises substantially mating the lower surface of the arm with the upper surface of the brace.

20. The method as recited in claim 18, further comprising positioning a cushioning material between the arm and the platform of the brace.